

Haitian Journal

1928-1929

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Memorandum

Dec. 14-28

Saw one grey t. blue heron
off the coast of St. Lucia

Dec. 16-28

Saw several jew. bick, palm
chats and orioles around the
hotel in Port au Prince

Dec. 20-28

(via Limeray)

On our trip from the Port to
St. Michel I saw my first parrots
+ paroquets green fly catchers. Then
we saw about 30 miles north of
Port au Prince 20 miles south
of St. Marc. I saw a great many
weaver birds nest. About 8 miles
north of the artibonite I thought I
saw the red wing black bird

Saw very few birds from
here to Goniovis. few birds
palm chaff etc.

Dec. 21-28

There seems to be a great
many birds around St. Michel
to L. Atalaye. The birds I saw
here consist of the following:
parrots saw more here than any
other loc. paroquets more here
than any other loc., palm crowe
quite a few woodpeckers,
one day while collecting about
6 miles north of St. Michel I
accidentally ran on to an opening
in the brush. This opening was
probably 200 yds x 500 yds.
Here there were hundreds of

pigeons, doves & guineas. This
was surely a wonderful sight.
Along a stream south of St. Michel
there were a few killdeers,
prairie & palm warblers, red start
oven-birds, cuckoos & morning doves.
At L'Atalaye I saw one quail
dove. Saw two cloud swifts.
On Dec. 29. I saw one pigeon
hawk at L'Atalaye
grassqualls Jan 10-29

I was disappointed in St. Raphael.
The forest was very
thick & green but very few
birds compared to St. Michel.
I saw a few cliff swallows,
orioles, cuckoos, paroquets,
few birds, wood-peckers on the
mts. In the valleys I found
mocking & king birds black &

white warbler, sharp-shaw hawk
flycatchers I had to hunt
very hard for the birds I
collected here.

Jan 17-29

Dondon turn out to be another
loc. similar to St. Raphael
Mts & valleys covered with
heavy forest but very few
birds or at least very few
species. I believe there are
more woodpeckers here
than any locality we visited.
I also saw and collected
some honey eaters, flycatchers
white naped crows, palm crows
few birds, redstarts. This
was the first loc. we saw

the black birds. one spetchary
one limkin, several palm
tanagers prairie warblers.

From Dondon to Grand Riviere
I saw but very few birds
saw only common ones such
as junc birds & etc.

Jan. 21

At grand Riviere I saw
the little green heron, little
blue heron, pigota, paroquets
one prairie warbler two palm warbler

Jan. 22-29

Saw two clapper rails at
bake Haitian

Jan. 28-29

Found several warblers
on Tom Island

Found several warblers
on Monte Largo Island
and nine shore-birds

Jan 29-29

Found two myrtle warblers
and several golden warblers

Jan. 30-29

On Tercero Island we found
the following birds on this
island four myrtle and sixteen
golden warblers two oyster
catchers one great blue heron

one little blue heron
four plovers & one larger
shore bird I saw two
ospreys but they flew
over to Monte Grapolo Island
The herons did the same

Feb 1-29

Saw two turnstone
four terns probably
royal tern
10 sandlings

Feb 2-29

Saw about a hundred
sandlings two turnstone

Feb 4.

We could not land on Monte Grande Island because of bad reefs.

I believe this island is the best one of the seven for birds. We could hear birds scraching, and the two ospreys that we saw flying around the other islands. I believe these birds were nesting there.

We then visited Pallas Island. This island had wonderful feeding grounds. Saw a great blue heron which flew to Monte Grande, we also saw six golden warblers.

Feb 6. 29

Sailed across bay from
Fort Liberty. Here we collected
quite a few nice birds

The birds we saw and collected
are

five vireo

several flycatchers

" green "

" king brids

" fence bird

one " this looks something
like a flycatcher

few birds

sharow hawks

honey cathers

red starts

prairie warblers

bate may "

two little blue herons

one great blue heron
twelve plovers
five bull finches - woodpeckers
mocking birds

Feb 7-29

some martins passed over
Fort Liberty

Feb 8-29

We saw along the southern
shore of the bay

two rails

six golden warblers

Palm tanagers

Mocking birds

woodpeckers

one king fisher

fly catchers green flycatchers

one little green heron
four prairie warblers
seven ground doves
morning "

Feb. 11-29

visited old fort at fort liberty

two burrowing owls
one chick hawk
four king birds
two little blue herons ^{one heron}
one bull finch ^{white}

Feb 12-29

Salt marshes west of Fort
liberty
one Lou. heron

six little blue herons
five sandpipers
four green herons
two honeycreepers
three water thrushes
five killdeers
few birds
two viros
" maryland yellowthroat

Feb 13-29

nothing unusual

Feb 14-29

6 reflected in fresh water
marshes S. W. of Fort Libby
Saw about twenty gallinules
six jacanas, two N. A. coots

eight L.b. herons
two yellow rails
" I.g. herons

Feb 15-29

Nothing unusual

Feb 16

S.W. of St. Liberty

one many band of throat
eight orange breasted warbler
King birds

Mocking birds collected

one imm.
specimen

four guibe
one jacana
six gallinules

about ten little blue herons
in white plumage
six sharp-shinned hawks
several black birds
a flock of killdeers
a flock of plover
one king fisher

Feb 18 29

- collected in marsh
N.W.

one long heron
four l. g. herons
several sandpipers
three clapper rails
several bullfinches
" l. b. herons
" killdeers

Feb 20

From Fort Liberty
to Cape Haitian about,
all saw was gr. doves & junc. b.

Feb 25-29

Went collecting in the
hills back of St. Marc.

Here I saw more palm
chats than any loc.

There were quite a few
palm crows

junc birds

prairie warbler

ground doves

morning "

black birds

Feb 26-29

Collected along artibonite.

two burrowing owls
four swallow hawks
three weaver birds
frigate warblers
bl. birds

Mary. yellow throat
ground doves
few birds

Feb. 27-29

saw three whales
of two frigate birds
about twelve miles out from
st. mare on our way to
la gonave.

Feb 28

La Gonave

one pelican
three gr. bl. herons
several white crown pigeons

Mar 2-29

as we passed through a
valley back of Wicker's house
on our way into the interior
we saw a abundance of birds
such as fly catchers pigeons
& etc. one I saw looked something
like a robin but much lighter
in color

Mar. 3 - to Mar 14-1929

Rather surprised at the bird-life in the interior because there were very few large ones. Majority of them were warblers, grackles.

Collected some green flycatchers. They seemed to be larger than those found on the mainland.

There were very few trees in the interior. This may be the reason why birds are not very plentiful.

Other birds I ran across

four red tail hawks
about ten wh. br. pigeons

few birds
about a dozen night hawks
over Plain Parpoo
Black birds
orioles
red starts very common
on our way back to
Kirkes I noticed a great
many vireos.

on Mar. 9 I heard a pair
of parrots on the mts.
I tried to get within
gun range but could not
of the following day
I saw four parrots but
they did not light

Mar 17-29

At Hinche we saw large flocks of guinea, plain pigeons, paroquets, ground doves, few birds.

We tried to find a bird that looks something like a turkey but was unable to do so.

Mar. 18-24 1929

In Cerca La Source we found very heavy forest in fact it was the largest & thickest in Haiti.
Large flocks of Paroquets, crows, white naped & palm

woodpeckers
guineas } very plentiful
plain peacock)
doves, ground, man, white wing
, saw more quail slope
here than any other loc.
Two herons
overbirds
prairie warblers
black & wh. " plentiful
orioles
flag birds
palm chalc
" tanager
bull finch
may land ay. I heard
blue heron
l gr. "
sandpiper
killdeer

green flycatcher
kingbird
goatsucker

sharp-shaw hawk

red tail "

mocking bird

honey creeper

red start

several other warblers

I did not recognize

The pine region is north
of Cerca la Souce

left Port au Prince April 3,
arr. Washington April 8.

Sturna fuscata arriva

Sept 3rd arr. middle of April

↙ Eggs abundant middle of May

Also a brood of same kind

↙ Wirkus said to have brought
a pair of guineas to Gomar
but disappeared

✓ Terns { Pigeon de la Mer
Gull }

+ Dendrocygna glam glam
Aramus Poule Belle.

✓ Ardea herodias Gros Chroak

✓ White Heron Blanc Chroak

✓ Butorides } Chroak

✓ Florida

✓ Hydranassa

Coots } Poule d'Eau
gallinules }

Pigeons Ramier

✓ Mourning Dove Tourterelle

✓ Falco sparverius Gr. gr.

✓ Butor

✓ Spurwkt Cu. Cu.

✓ Aratinga Perrich

✓ Amazona Jacko

Saurothera Gacco

st Ware Col-a-sort

Crotophaga Bouss-Jabac

✓ Todus Colibri

✓ Alopochen Charpentier

✓ Hummers Quanga Negrasse

✓ Corvus leuc. caco

" palmarum "

✓ Minus Merle

✓ Dulus (nath) Esclave

(south) vision palmiste

small warbler cat

Dactylis Bonaparte

✓ Holognathus Merle

Praecipitatus Quatre grax





